

House Bill 1400

By: Representative Everson of the 106th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health
2 care facilities, so as to create the Level 1 Trauma Care and Hospital Authority Oversight
3 Committee; to provide for membership and duties of such oversight committee; to provide
4 for cooperation by and information from hospital authorities and other entities to assist the
5 oversight committee in its duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health care
10 facilities, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

11 "ARTICLE 4A

12 31-7-100.

13 (a) There is created the Level 1 Trauma Care and Hospital Authority Oversight
14 Committee, to be composed of nine members, three of whom shall be appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by the
16 President of the Senate, and three of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. The
17 members of the committee shall serve two-year terms. The committee shall select a
18 chairperson from among its membership; provided, however, that the chairperson shall
19 serve as such for a term of one year and the chairperson's position shall rotate each year
20 between a member of the House and a member of the Senate. The committee shall meet
21 at least twice annually and may have additional meetings at the call of the chairperson.

22 (b) The oversight committee shall study, inquire into, and review the operations of any
23 Level 1 trauma center as designated by the department operated by a hospital authority
24 created pursuant to Article 7 of this chapter with respect to the operations, contracts, safety,

1 financing, organization, and structure of the trauma center and any such hospital authority.
2 Such oversight shall also include study, inquiry, and review of uncompensated trauma care
3 services provided by designated Level 1 trauma centers, trauma care readiness of such
4 trauma centers, and the overall implementation of the state's trauma center network
5 established pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 11 of this title. The oversight committee may
6 conduct any independent audit or investigation of any Level 1 trauma center operated by
7 a hospital authority it deems necessary.

8 (c) A hospital authority created pursuant to Article 7 of this chapter shall be required to
9 cooperate with the oversight committee and provide information to such committee upon
10 request. The oversight committee may request and receive reports from any such hospital
11 authority in order to conduct any study, inquiry, or review pursuant to subsection (b) of this
12 Code section.

13 (d) The Department of Community Health, the Department of Human Resources, and the
14 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission shall also provide information to the oversight
15 committee upon request in order to accomplish its duties pursuant to this Code section."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.